

## About Susan

Susan Sandberg is an at-large councilmember on the Bloomington City Council having started her fifth year in public service in January, 2011. Susan served as President of the City Council in 2008 and serves again in 2011. She acts as council liaison with several community groups including the Bloomington Economic Development Corporation (BEDC), Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee, the Bloomington Entertainment and Arts District (BEAD) advisory committee, Bloomington Community Arts Commission and the Community and Family Resources Commission. Susan has served with local arts nonprofits and special events on a number of review panels for arts grants, including ArtsWeek. With the City of Bloomington she also serves on the Jack Hopkins Social Services Grant committee and the Community Development Block Grants committee. Appointed by State Senator Vi Simpson, Susan currently serves on the nominating committee for the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

A social justice and anti-poverty activist, Susan is a former board member and past president of the South Central Community Action Program. She has served as emcee for the annual Homeward Bound Walk. Utilizing her background in both the performing arts and social service, Susan volunteers as a facilitator of the New Leaf/New Life arts and humanities program in the Monroe County Correctional Center. Having taught weekly enrichment classes inside the jail for a number of years, Susan also co-facilitates a support group for former inmates returning to the community. She also serves on the advisory committee for Project Care through Centerstone, a program that assists former inmates returning to the community from the Indiana Department of Correction.

Working for the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University, Susan is a career advisor with the Office of SPEA Career Services. In 2009 Susan joined her friend and colleague from the Monroe County Council, Jill Lesh, as co-host of the monthly City/County Citizen's Breakfasts. Susan continues the tradition of highlighting city and county collaboration in 2011 with new hosts from the County Council, Julie Thomas and Sam Allison.

A founding member of the Democratic Women's Caucus, Susan Sandberg has served as Vice Chair since its inception in 2004 following her first campaign for City Council in 2003. Her DWC involvement reflects Susan's commitment to preparing women for the pipeline to run for public office in support of diversity, competency and civility in local government.